and to facilitate consumer-producer interaction;

(l) Matters relating to Export of Steel to Nepal and Bhutan.

(m) Coordination for movement of raw material to steel plants;

(n) Provide vigilance functions to prevent misuse of steel obtained from regulated sources.

Iron Ore

4253. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that iron ore continues to be one of the major mine products which is both exported and consumed within the country in substantial quantity;

(b) the details of iron ore mined in the respective States and quantities alnogwith the quantities exported, country-wise, and consumed indigenously year-wise during the 7th Plan period and upto 31st December, 1991;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several Steel Plants in public and private sectors own iron ore mines and mine the ore for their own consumption; and

(d) if so, details of such Steel Plants alongwith quantities mined and consumed during the periods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of Iron Ore production state-wise, and domestic consumption, are at Annexure. (See Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 91) Country-wise exports of Iron Ore at Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 92)

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Apart from Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), which is a central Public Sector Undertaking operating Iron Ore Mines as captive to its requirements, Tata Iron & Steel Company Limited (TISCO) have also its own captive Iron Ore Mines. Details are at Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 93)

Demolition of Slums

4254. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new National Housing Policy aims at discouraging the demolition of slums;

(b) if so, whether Government have abandoned the slum clearance projects; and

(c) the steps proopsed to be taken by Government to improve the living conditions of the slum-dwellers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Housing is a State subject and it is therefore the responsibility of the State Governments to formulate various schemes for slum improvement. The approach of the Government is to emphasise in-situ upgradation and provision of basic services in slums and squatter settlements. This is supported under ongoing schemes for environmental improvement of slums, urban basic services and shelter upgradation for the urban poor.

गौरी शंकर मन्दिर, चांदनी चौक दिल्ली

4255. **श्री सच्चिदानन्द :**
श्री गुरुदास दासगुप्त :
श्री दयानन्द सहाय :
श्री दिग्विजय सिंह :

क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 14 फरवरी, 1992 के इंडियन एक्सप्रैस में "टैम्पुल बेसमेंट बोइंग इल्लीगली अल्टर्ड इन गौरी शंकर टेम्पुल, चांदनी चौक, दिल्ली" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि निगम के प्राधिकारियों से उचित अनुमोदन प्राप्त किए बिना ही भवन के मूल उद्देश्य को परिवर्तित कर दिया